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SUBJECT: ITALIAN QUERY ON US USE OF DRY DOCK FACILITIES AT
TIVAT

REF: USNATO 5792

1. INFORMATION WHICH HIS PEOPLE PASSED TO ITALIAN REP
EVIDENTLY RESULTS FROM EXAGGERATED INFERENCE ITALIAN ATTACHE
HERE MAY HAVE DRAWN FROM DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY'S NAVAL
ATTACHE CONCERNING DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING USN SHIP REPAIR
AT TIVAT.

2. IN FACT, WE ARE REASONABLY SATISFIED THAT PROBLEMS WHICH
HAVE AFFECTED SCHEDULED REPAIR ARE LARGELY TECHNICAL OR
BUREAUCRATIC. REPAIRS, WHICH WERE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE, HAVE
BEEN PUT OFF BY YUGOSLAVS, APPARENTLY FOR SHORT PERIOD, WHEN
TIME RAN OUT ON PROCESS OF CLARIFYING WORK TO BE DONE, METHOD OF
PAYMENT AND OTHER SIMILAR QUESTIONS. WHILE YUGOSLAVS HAVE NOT
BEEN MODELS OF EFFICIENCY, AND WHILE THEY MAY HAVE ACTED FROM
UNSTATED MOTIVE, WE DOUBT THAT SOVIETS WERE INVOLVED.

3. SINCE SOVIETS ARE REGULAR USERS OF TIVAT, IT SEEMS REASONABLE
TO ASSUME THAT YUGOSLAVS TOOK THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN SOLICITING
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